



Family Safety Center

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Hope for victims. Healing for families.

Dear Family Safety Center Supporter,

As we ring in the new year, we welcome a time of reflection for the past and hope for what the coming year will bring for each of us. This year, we are yet again presented with the opportunity to positively impact people in our community that have suffered under the oppression of DV.

The Memphis Police Department reported more than 17,000 cases of DV in 2014. However, we know that our combined efforts are not in vain, as the number of cases has dropped more than 6,000 in the past two years alone. We are hopeful for what 2015 has to offer, but we encourage you nonetheless to help us make this year even better by doing your part to help us eradicate DV in the Mid-South.

Sincerely,
Olliette Murry-Drobot

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New Services and Staff at FSC

Beginning Jan. 19, FSC will initiate new services focusing on care for elder abuse. To assist with these efforts, FSC is pleased to welcome two new elder abuse care coordinators. Welcome to the team, Chassity and Belinda!



**Chassity Lester
Taylor**



Belinda Bryan

Thank you from FSC!

We'd like to give a special thanks to everyone that donated gifts to FSC this holiday season. Your donations will truly help make a difference in the lives of the people we serve!



Many of us would agree that kids say the darndest things, but sometimes children can teach adults a thing or two. In a recent video, young boys were asked to behave violently toward a girl they just met. Check out their surprising reactions by clicking [here](#).

Domestic Violence Exists in Memphis and Shelby County

The **Memphis Police Department's** Real Time Crime Center reported **1,332** domestic violence offenses in December, and the **Shelby County Sheriff's Office** Domestic Violence and Sex Crimes Unit reported **173** DV incidents, **39** arrests and **72** memos.

These cases included assaults, vandalism, burglary, violations of orders of protection, threatening and harassing phone calls, stalking, documented verbal argument memos and weapons law violations.

Upcoming Victim Service Events



Toys from OBGYN residency program at Regional One



Diaper bag gifts from Hope Credit Union



Variety of gifts from Sysco

FSC Receives New Funds, Grants

Recently, Family Safety Center received two new grants to aid DV victims and monitor the impact of FSC over time. One such grant came from the Women's Foundation for a Greater Memphis, which provided FSC with \$10,000 to support the impact of Domestic Violence Review and Response Team. The Community Foundation of Greater Memphis' Community Partnership Fund also approved a grant for more than \$22,000 to FSC in partnership with The

and Support Group Meetings

Free HIV Testing at FSC

Mondays, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Domestic Violence Review and Response Team

Tuesdays at 2 p.m.
FSC conference room
For more information, contact Vernetta Eddleman at vernetta@familysafetycenter.org

Exchange Club Family Center Support Group

Thursdays from noon to 1:30 p.m. at FSC

Fatality Review Meeting

Last Tuesday of each month
2 p.m.
FSC conference room

Other Upcoming Events

FSC wants to help your organization get the word out about your programs, events, initiatives, etc. If you have any news that you would like to share, please forward to Mable Hudson at mable@familysafetycenter.org. The information will be included in upcoming newsletters.

Red Zone Mix and Mingle

Every fourth Thursday
from 5 to 7 p.m.
Automatic Slims
83 S. 2nd St., Memphis, TN
[Learn more here.](#)

Order of Protection Sessions: What to Expect at the Hearing

University of Memphis to help track the impact that FSC has on the community over time.

Additional support came from Adams Keegan, an organization which annually selects a worthy charity to receive funds raised throughout the year. Last month, the company presented FSC with a check for more than \$6,300.

We are so grateful to receive these grants and donations, and we cannot wait to put the funds to good use as we aid DV victims in the Mid-South!



Gwen Turner and Olliette Murry-Drobot accept a check from Adams Keegan

DV in the News

Teams Nationwide Take #Yards4Years Challenge

In 2010, Yeardley Reynolds Love lost her life at the hands of an abusive ex-boyfriend, just weeks before she would have graduated from the University of Virginia. Boston College and Virginia students have since sought to raise DV awareness and honor the memory of their friend by recruiting teams to join their new initiative - pledging to collectively run one million yards in one month. In conjunction with the One Love Foundation, #Yards4Years partnerships within the sports community have expanded dramatically, including the Virginia women's soccer team, various lacrosse teams and even the Baltimore Ravens. Read more about this subject by clicking [here](#).

MLB Discusses DV Policies

In light of the numerous DV scandals within the sports realm in 2014, it is critical that officials take action to prevent more DV-related instances. Throughout the month of January, officials from Major League Baseball and the

Hosted by FSC, Memphis Area Legal Services and Cocaine and Alcohol Awareness Program Inc.

Jan. 16, 2 p.m. (MALS)

FSC Conference Room

[Learn more here.](#)

Understanding and Utilizing the Danger Assessment for Female Victims of DV

Wednesday, Jan. 14

Session One: 8:15 to 11:45 a.m.

Session Two: 12:15 to 3:45 p.m.

University Center River Room 300

499 University St.

Memphis, TN 38152

To register, call 901-222-4485 or email vernetta@familysafetycenter.org

Ladies on Wheels Charity Fashion Show

Benefiting DV Victims

Sunday, Jan. 25

Doors open at 6 p.m.

Show starts at 7 p.m.

The Belle Venue

5241 E. Raines Road, Memphis, TN 38118

\$20 pre-sale, \$25 at the door

For more information, call 901-282-9404.

The Blueprint for Safety Launch

Thursday, Feb. 19

Urban Child Institute

600 Jefferson Ave., Memphis, TN 38105

FSC On the Air

Major League Baseball Players Association will meet to discuss a new DV policy. Although it is not clear what form of discipline will occur, most parties involved are strongly in favor of establishing a policy to combat the issue and will likely announce new protocols before spring training begins. To learn more about this subject, click [here](#).



WLOK 1340 AM Broadcast - "Let's Talk About It" (Family Fridays)

FSC is co-hosting a radio show with WLOK's Bobbi Thompson every Friday from 10 to 11 a.m. If you have a program, initiative or event that impacts or would benefit families, and you're interested in being a guest on the show, contact Mable at mable@familysafetycenter.org or call 901-222-4403. Check out our Facebook page for a list of guests for upcoming shows.

Meet Our Partners



There are many partner agencies that work with FSC to serve victims of domestic violence
[Click here to learn more.](#)

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